

Appl. No. : 10/797,211
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REMARKS

Applicant again thanks Examiner Guidotti for examining the application and for her generous time in doing so. The final Office Action objected to Claims 40-41, stating that the claims are "objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended the claims accordingly.

Specifically, Claim 21 has been amended as set forth above, and includes the subject matter of objected to Claim 40. Rather than depend from cancelled Claim 40, Claim 41 has been amended to depend from Claim 21, which includes the subject matter of cancelled Claim 40. Claim 44 also has been amended to depend from Claim 21. Claim 24 has been amended to correct a typographical error, and Claim 28 to have proper antecedent basis.

Claims 37, 40, 43 and 45-47 have been cancelled without prejudice toward future prosecution in order to expedite allowance of the claims. Claim 36 was previously withdrawn. Rejoinder of Claim 36 is requested in view of the fact that Claim 21 as amended is allowable. Thus, upon entry of the amendments set forth above, Claims 21-36, 38, 39, 41-42 and 44 remain pending.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejections set forth in the final Office Action. However, in view of the amendment of the claims to pursue the allowable subject matter, the rejections are moot and are not discussed further in this response.

Conclusion

The undersigned has made a good faith effort to respond to the Office Action. Nevertheless, if any undeveloped issues remain or if any issues require clarification, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney to resolve such issues promptly.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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